

Kingussie and Vicinity Community Council  
Minutes for November 2022

Present Ruaridh Ormiston(RO) Janet Kinnaird(JK) Martin Stanford (MS) Louise Thomson (LT) Margaret Bentley (MB)  
Guests Gilmour Strang (GS) Cllr Russell Jones (RJ)

Apologies: Cllr Bill Lobban

Declaration of Interests: RO

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Proposed MB Seconded MS

Treasurer's Report LT

(Including Transfer of Festivities Funds)

Bank Balance currently stands at £13347.19. Payments have been made to Cairngorm Reindeer for £594, High Life Highland for Talla £47.65 and £98 for poppy wreaths.

It is expected that the balance of funds from the Festivities Group will be transferred shortly. This money will be ring fenced for occasions such as Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch and other festive community events.

Planning Report JC

- Footpath on Dunbarry Road

KVCC recently received an anonymous e-mail complaint regarding the closure of a path on Dunbarry Road. JK reported that she had responded asking the sender to clarify and send copies of the planning consent and conditions, which are referred to in the e-mail. To date there has been no further correspondence. RJ mentioned that the e-mail had been circulated to him as well as planners and CNPA. He continued that it is a controversial situation as the land had been bought, developed and sold however there is nothing in the planning consent pertaining to the footpath. RJ has asked David Mudie to investigate and it appears that the homeowner may have to apply to close the path officially. RJ will keep us updated **Action RJ**

- Footpath between Station Yard and Newtonmore Planning.

RO said that 11 years ago SSE wanted to close the path off for upgrades and this was now another up grade. KVCC had received correspondence on the subject but nothing for several months. A new fence was to be installed including a gate for access but that seems to have changed with no discussion to a fence only. RO has sent e-mail to the Access Officer at CNPA. KVCC to contact Kara Sutherland at SSE on the matter. **Action JK**

- 22/04517/PNO - Pitmain Estate turning area

A meeting was held last week with neighbors and local residents and Cawdor Forestry to discuss the work to be undertaken. RO reported it was a very amicable meeting. Local residents understand the need for the work to take place. Assurances were given that once the work was completed that the turning area only would remain and the footpath created by KCDC would be reinstated. RJ shared that the roads team lead by Richard Porteous would do a pre and post survey of the whole of tat's Brae to ensure that there was no residual damage.

### Matters Arising

- Report back from Martin Re CC meeting in Carr Bridge

MS attended the CCs meeting in Carr Bridge on October 4<sup>th</sup> hosted by VABS. It was the first time CCs had met since pre covid. All KVCC members have received the minutes. MS said it was a very useful meeting and felt it would be useful to have more such meetings and collaboration amongst CCs. It was a lengthy agenda with much of the time focused on Policing in the Strath and concerns over reduced Police numbers and presence. There were also concerns about the high number of road traffic accidents on the A9 and high death toll. The Scottish government has pledged money to improve some of the junctions to the A9 in the area.

RJ shared that last Thursday Highland Council agreed a twenty-mile an hour speed limit across Highland, with Transport Scotland paying for the signage. Highland Council is the second region in Scotland to go down this route. Where there is currently a 30-mile limit there will be a 20-mile limit. This does not come in to effect in Kingussie and Newtonmore just yet as the main streets are trunk roads.

(If anyone would like to see the minutes please contact kvcc –secretary@outlook.com)

- Report back re Community Group Meeting

MB reported that KVCC hosted a very successful and interesting gathering for all community groups. All groups shared their successes, challenges and plans going forward. MB was struck by just how much good work goes on within our community with so many giving their time to help others, making Kingussie a better place for all. (If you wish to see the notes from the meeting please contact kvcc-secretary@outlook.com )

- Notice Boards

Notice boards have now been sourced. An application was made to KCDC for £750 towards the cost with the balance coming from KVCC. The balance is £124.80 JK will order as soon as the money is in our account. **Action JK**

- Response re Letter to NHS Highland re vaccinations

MB has received a response to her letter to Boyd Peters at NHS Highland. An assurance was received that community concerns would be forwarded to the organising body for consideration; however there has been no further response from them. Kate Forbes MSP was also contacted to no avail, other than our concerns were to be forwarded to NHS Highland. The meeting agreed that last year's roll out by Kingussie Medical Practice was exemplary. The short notice cancellations are on going.

- Gynack Gardens for fundraising /events.

The Ward Manager is currently working on a booking system for anyone wishing to use the Gynack Gardens for an event

- Web page progress

MS has been in discussion with Gus Mitchell re the web page. After discussion the meeting agreed it would remain under the Kingussie. co.uk banner. JK is to send minutes to MS to upload. **Action JK MS to discuss with Judy Buckingham. Action MS**

### Items of Business

- Police Report

Again there was no Police presence or report at the meeting. It was agreed that a letter should be sent inviting the Community PO to use his office in the Court House and have a presence in the town and at meetings. **Action JK**

- Parking On Side Streets in Kingussie

Parking concerns have been raised by members of the public in particular parking close to junctions and causing an obstruction and potential accidents. JK has discussed this with the Ward Manager .He will raise the issue at a forthcoming Ward Business meeting for Members to discuss a range of parking issues with the Parking Enforcement Team. He will also raise the specific issues outlined to him with the Enforcement Team manager Shane Manning.RJ said that as it is a trunk road issue Bear/Transport Scotland should lead on this and he will contact them.

#### **Action RJ**

- Christmas Event

The reindeer have been booked for Christmas Eve with an ETA of 7/7.15pm. JK will liaise with the pipe band, Ken Deans for mulled wine and the Duke for mince pies. LT will organise donation buckets . Santa has been contacted however a suit is required. JK is hopeful that John Robertson may have something suitable .It was agreed that the procession should come up through the Gynack Gardens and that way people will not be on the road. RJ offered the use of a card machine for donations. **Actions JK .LT**

- Glebe Ponds

No further progress has been made other than a second round application to the Nature Restoration Fund. Currently awaiting the outcome.

- Warm Spaces at the Church

Eppy Mackay has contacted KVCC re setting up warm spaces in the town with all three churches working together. Funding is currently being explored with more details to follow .

- Update from meeting with Lewis Hannah

JK met with Lewis Hannah re the Clock Tower, parking issues and a Glebe Pond update. On the subject of the Clock Tower he reported that he had spoken to colleagues, including Mick Haymer regarding this. The best way to progress this proposal is for KVCC to meet with the Maintenance Officer for the area, Alex Ryback, and discuss how improvements can best taken forward. Alex has agreed to meet with KVCC to discuss this. JK asked GS if he would like to be at the meeting and he agreed he would ,along with Malcolm Thain.

- Raffle fund raising on Shopping Day.

JK asked Lydie if we could have a raffle stall at the Christmas Shopping day. KVCC has been allocated space outside the Chemist. JK and MB will get it organised. **Action JK and MB**

### AOCB

- Hogmanay.

RJ said that a first meeting had been held with the next at the start of December. There are fireworks and the plan from last year's event. John Robertson has organised licences. . KVCC will provide some marshals for the event and support to sell torches. More details to follow.

- Seniors Christmas Lunch.

RJ reported that a planning meeting had been held. The date is 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Duke of Gordon with a home delivery for those requiring one. There will be an opportunity to make donations towards future funding.

- Association of Cairngorms Communities - What's the Future?

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 10.00 to 13.30 hrs. (lunch provided) Can anyone attend?

- GS reported from Ian Moffatt that the Allotments Association are interested in purchasing the allotments from ARC
- Path extension Jubilee walk.

GS said the gap in the Jubilee Way linking to the Speyside Way has been acknowledged by CNPA. KCDC is looking at options for this going forward. As part of the 5-year paths plan

there is potential for a pavement up Gynack Road to provide safe access to the paths network.  
Work on Creag Bheag is on going.

RO thanked everyone for attending and for all their work.

Date of next meeting  
12/12/22